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This report constitutes the proceedings of the 2001 edition of the Text REtrieval Conference, TREC 2001, held in Gaithersburg, Maryland, November 13–16, 2001. The conference was co-sponsored by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), and the Advanced Research and Development Activity (ARDA). Eighty-seven groups including participants from 21 different countries were represented.

TREC 2001 is the latest in a series of workshops designed to foster research in text retrieval and related technologies. A new video “track” that focused on supporting content-based access to digital video was introduced this year. The other tracks included in TREC 2001 were web retrieval, cross-language retrieval, question answering, interactive retrieval, and filtering.

The conference included paper sessions and discussion groups. This proceedings includes papers from most of the participants (some groups did not submit papers), track reports that define the problem addressed by the track plus summarize the main track results, and tables of individual group results. The TREC 2001 proceedings web site also contains system descriptions that detail the timing and storage requirements of the different runs.